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Deputy County Manager Appointed to N.C. Employment Security Commission

FAYETTEVILLE – Gov. Bev Perdue has appointed Deputy County Manager Juanita Pilgrim to the N.C. Employment Security Commission. Pilgrim's term on the commission runs until June 30, 2013.

Pilgrim serves on the Board of Trustees for Fayetteville State University, the Board of Directors for the Partnership for Children of Cumberland County, and the Cumberland County Workforce Development Board.

Pilgrim has been the deputy county manager for nine years. She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in business from North Carolina Central University.

The Employment Security Commission consists of seven members appointed by the Governor and rules on appealed unemployment insurance claims and tax matters.